

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2224 - SB 2137

February 14, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an investigator conducting an interview with a child-victim of abuse to conduct the interview with the presumption that information provided by the child is truthful, which may be rebutted only by a preponderance of the evidence to the contrary.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-406(h), an investigator shall conduct an interview with a child-victim of abuse outside the presence of the parent or person allegedly responsible for the harm and, whenever possible, in a neutral setting.
- Passage of this legislation would add the requirement of the investigator to conduct the interview with the presumption that any information provided by the child is truthful, and may be rebutted only by a preponderance of evidence to the contrary.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Child Services (DCS), this legislation will have no effect on policies or procedures on the department; therefore, any fiscal impact to the DCS is not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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